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SUBJECT: ANTI-SLANDER ACT

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPT SPOKES-  
MAN'S NOON BRIEFING MARCH 19. QUOTE:

QUESTION: WHAT IS OUR REACTION TO THE PROPOSED LAW WHICH  
WOULD PROHIBIT KOREANS FROM CRITICIZING THEIR GOVERN-  
MENT TO FOREIGNERS?

ANSWER: WE UNDERSTAND SUCH A DRAFT LAW HAS BEEN PROPOSED  
IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN ACTED  
UPON. OUR VIEWS IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FREEDOM  
OF EXPRESSION ARE WELL-KNOWN.

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ON BACKGROUND: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MEMBERS OF

THE ROK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAVE INTRODUCED A BILL TO PROVIDE UP TO SEVEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT TO ANY KOREAN FOUND GUILTY OF CRITICIZING THE ROKG OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS THOSE IN KOREA WHO CRITICIZE THE ROKG TO FOREIGNERS. UNQUOTE.

2. SPOKESMAN RECEIVED QUESTION ON PROPOSED LAW AND RE-

SPONDED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE LAW, BUT HAD NO COMMENT ON IT. DEPARTMENT HAS SUBSEQUENTLY POSTED THE ABOVE GUIDANCE FOR BENEFIT OF JOURNALISTS, HAS CALLED QUESTIONER, WIRE SERVICES AND ROK NEWSMEN TO GIVE PREPARED RESPONSE.

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